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REMARKS

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1. On 19 July 1951, the Flak Kaserne in Wittenberg (N 52/E 37), which has a billeting capacity of about 3,500 men, was occupied by about 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia and some with signal insignia. Troops were seen receiving infantry training in the billeting area. *

2. On 9 July, the Taunzien Kaserne was occupied by only a rear unit of about 200 men who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Soldiers receiving basic training were noticed in the billeting area. **

3. On 5 July, the Beseler Kaserne quartered a housekeeping detail of an undetermined number of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. No training activity was noticed.

4. On 9 and 10 July, the Beseler Kaserne quartered 150 to 200 troops. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets. Local residents said that most of the troops from the installation were at a troop training grounds. ***

5. On 9 and 10 July, the Taunzien Kaserne was occupied by only a rear unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. **

* Comment. Units carried in the Flak Kaserne include the 52d and 53d Gds Tank Regts of the 6th Gds Tank Div, which are at present at Camp Werder-Markendorf under the designation of Unit Zolotov and Unit Krassilnikov respectively. The billeting capacity of the Flak Kaserne was also estimated at 3,500 men. The 2,000 troops who, according to the present report, remained at the installation may include the personnel of the 385th Gds Arty Regt, the 145th (?) Gds Sign Bn and the 120th (?) Gds Engr Bn which have not been identified in the Werder-Markendorf training area.

** Comment. The Hq 6th Gds Tank Div is at Werder-Markendorf at present and, possibly, also the 22d (?) Gds Mtz Rifle Regt which is carried in the Taunzien Kaserne.

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

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***  Comment. The 51st Gds Tank Regt and the 35th Gds Hvy Tank Regt, which are carried in the Beseler Kaserne, are in Camp Werdmarkendorf at present. 

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